

# The American Lutheran Church of Windom

Living God's grace, we cultivate community to love and serve.

*All Are Welcome!*



THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 9:00 AM**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

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Wednesdays 6:30 pm Worship  
Saturdays 5:30 pm Chapel Worship  
Sundays 9:00 am Worship

Pastor Adam Roberts & Pastor Steven Rye  
Ministers: Everyone

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Linda Staples, Organist

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

*“As Lately We Watched”*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES: Trevor & Crystal Fast, Lawson, Elliot, and Annika

ADVENT DIALOGUE

Reader:

L: God of mercy and justice, we long for your coming.

**C: Open our eyes to signs of your grace.**

L: By the light of our hope, help us to see.

**C: By the light of your Spirit in us,  
help us to be joyful signs of your coming.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

L: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**C: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

ELW #254

KYRIE (ELW p. 147) Setting 4

HYMN OF PRAISE ***“Savior of the Nations, Come”***

ELW #263 (vs 6)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM ***“We Three Kings”***

FIRST READING

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

Pew Bible: p.578

Reader: Sharon Thompson

READING

**Luke 1:46b-55**

Pew Bible: p.832

Reader: Sharon Thompson

SECOND READING

**James 5:7-10**

Pew Bible: p.982

Reader: Sharon Thompson

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p.151

GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 11:2-11**

Pew Bible: p.792

The Gospel according to Mathew the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord **.C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Have You Heard a Whisper**

Rev. Yehiel Curry, Presiding Bishop, ELCA

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

HYMN OF THE DAY ***“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”***

ELW #251

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ELW p.126

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**L: God of Grace C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ***“Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory”***

ELW #561 (vs 2)

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## CLOSING HYMN

## ***“Christ Be Our Light”***

ELW #715

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Bring good news to the poor!  
**We Will! Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME** to worship at The American Lutheran Church of Windom on this Third Sunday of Advent. We continue to wait for the day when Jesus returns and yet, we continue to strengthen our faith as believers in the Word.

**JOIN US NEXT WEEK** for Advent 4: Joseph's Dream, Matthew 1:18-25

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** is in loving memory of John Holt's December 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Given by his family.

Attendance: Wednesday: 67; Saturday: 16; Sunday: 108

Offering: \$16,688

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:**

## Acolytes: Aubrey Bussa

**Reader:** Sharon Thompson

**Technology:** Todd Armstrong, Tim Hiley, Tom Wickie, Eugene Hanchett



**SCAN THIS QR CODE TO GIVE ONLINE**

**NOISY OFFERING** will be collected this morning. This month noisy offering will go towards baby care kits for the ELCA Mission in Action. Kits are put together by GLOW containing baby care items and are distributed internationally to families in need. Thank you for giving!

**THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IS TODAY** at 11am. Stay after church for a cinnamon roll and fruit breakfast for a free will donation and then enjoy the Children's Program!



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING!** The Call Committee has a candidate for Lead Pastor to recommend to the ALC congregation. The vote will be Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 10 am. No information can be shared about the candidate until that meeting. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn about the Lead Pastor candidate and vote. We must have a quorum of at least 50 confirmed parishioners for the vote. Arrangements are being made for those who can't attend the meeting in person to be able to participate and vote by Zoom. More information on this technology will be provided soon. If you have questions please call the church office.

**HELP IS NEEDED** to put together candles for Christmas Eve. If you could stay after worship on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** and help assemble candles it would be greatly appreciated! Many hands make it go quickly!

**THANK YOU** to the many hands who helped make Living Nativity a success! Also, thank you to all who attended and enjoyed the evening!



**Please sign up for this ahead of time!**

## JR HIGH/SR HIGH

## YOUTH GROUP

### CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**PIZZA, POP, & BOWLING!**



**THE GARAGE AT  
SPRINGFIELD LANES!  
SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH  
5-7PM  
(LEAVE ALC AT 4:15PM,  
RETURN AT 7:45PM)  
COST: \$25**

**(ACCOUNT MONEY MAY BE USED!)**

**JOY TO THE  
WORLD  
THE LORD IS COME!**



*Join us for our Christmas Eve Services*

Wednesday, December 24th

3:00PM Candlelight Service

5:00PM Candlelight Service

10:00PM Candlelight Service

w/Holy Communion

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BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY, WHICH SHALL BE TO ALL PEOPLE. LUKE 2:10

## **THIS WEEK AT AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

#### ***Third Sunday of Advent***

9:00 AM Worship w/Noisy Offering

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Cinnamon Roll & Fruit Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

10:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM

11:00 AM Children's Christmas Program

4:15 PM Jr/Sr High Youth Group Christmas Party

### **Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:15 PM Staff Team Huddle

### **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 PM Happy Birthday Jesus Party!

6:30 PM Advent Worship

### **Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 AM Cable TV, CH 22

6:30 PM Cable TV, CH 22

### **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 PM Chapel Service w/Holy Communion

### **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

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10:00 AM Skylight Court Cafe

10:30 AM Broadcast of Worship on KDOM